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# News Release

## **Bank Robbery Suspect in Custody**

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The bank robber accused of several robberies in different states is now in police custody.

On Feb. 17, West Virginia State Police took Gary LaTray, 51, into custody. LaTray is being housed at the Tygart Valley Regional Jail in Belington, WV.

LaTray has been charged by the Harrisonburg Police Department with robbery, a hoax bomb or explosive, bomb threat, and entering a bank armed with the intent to commit a larceny.

On Dec. 1, 2009 around 4:30 p.m. LaTray entered the SunTrust Bank, 1300 S. Main St. and demanded money. He also left a box claiming it had an explosive device in it.

"This is a significant arrest for HPD and several other law enforcement agencies," said Mary-Hope Vass, Public Information Officer and Crime Analyst. "With help from the community and the U.S. Marshals, this suspected serial criminal is now in custody."

**Note to the media:** To obtain a copy of LaTray's most recent mugshot, please contact the Tygart Valley Regional Jail. For more information on the details surrounding LaTray's arrest, please contact the West Virginia State Police or the U.S. Marshals.